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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Mike Starkey
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Southwest District Office
7 E. Fourth Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Mike:

Enclosed are two copies of the Phase I Remedial Investigation (RI) Report. You may retain both copies or you may send one copy to your appropriate central district office contact. Enclosed, also for your information, is a brief memo prepared by Weston project staff which discuss their responses to your May 1, 1987 comment letter.

After reviewing Weston's memo and the revised RI report, I have found that most of your comments have been incorporated. For a few of your comments, Weston has provided further discussion or clarification of the points you raised. Hopefully, there aren't any significant outstanding issues which still need to be resolved.

Regarding current project status, temporary fencing was placed partially around the buried lagoon/central shoulder (BLCS) area on November 6, 1987. The fencing consists of approximately 500 feet of 4 foot high, orange, plastic, net fence attached to numerous metal fence posts. Biweekly site inspections will be conducted by Weston TAT staff for U.S. EPA to verify that the site operators have not interfered with the areas which we have demarcated.

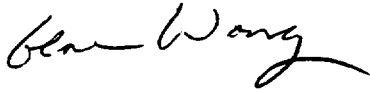
The RI report will be made available to the public in early December. We do not anticipate a need for a public meeting to discuss Phase I RI results at this time.

Because the site conditions have change drastically in the past year, much of our planned Phase II RI fieldwork is now technically infeasible. Discussions are ongoing between Weston staff and myself to come up with new technically feasible approaches to investigate the areas of concern, primarily the covered BLCS area.

Lastly, on November 11, 1987, the Skinner Landfill was inspected by your solid waste group in conjunction with the Butler County health department. Joe Moore and AL Blevens found numerous violations of your State Solid waste regulations; therefore, they told the site owner and operator to shut down the landfill operation. Please contact Joe Moore if you have any further questions about the solid waste problem.

If you have any other questions regarding the site or the RI,
please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Gene Wong
Remedial Project Manager

Enclosures

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